

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 5: ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND SERVICES**  
**Chapter 337-A: PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT**

**§4653. COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**

**1. Filing.** A person who has been a victim of harassment, including a business, may seek relief by filing in an appropriate court:

A. A sworn complaint alleging harassment; and [ 2011, c. 559, Pt. C, §3 (NEW). ]

B. If the alleged harassment does not meet the definition in section 4651, subsection 2, paragraph C or is not related to an allegation of domestic violence, violence against a dating partner, sexual assault or stalking, a copy of a notice to stop harassing the plaintiff issued to the defendant pursuant to Title 17-A, section 506-A, subsection 1, paragraph A, subparagraph (1), division (a) or a statement of good cause why such a notice was not sought or obtained. [ 2011, c. 559, Pt. C, §3 (NEW). ]

[ 2011, c. 559, Pt. C, §3 (AMD) . ]

**2. Assistance.** The court shall provide separate forms with a summons and clerical assistance to assist either party to proceed under this chapter in completing and filing a complaint or other necessary documents. This assistance may not include legal advice or assistance in drafting legal documents.

[ 2003, c. 658, §3 (AMD) . ]

**3. Fees.** No fee may be charged for forms. A plaintiff may apply for the right to proceed in forma pauperis.

[ 1989, c. 371, §1 (AMD) . ]

**SECTION HISTORY**

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